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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0009] to read as follows:

[0009] The present invention is also operative as a copolymer composition that includes a compound having the formula:



wherein A is a thermoplastic block copolymer $\begin{array}{c} (C)_n \\ | \\ PRZ \end{array}$; B is an elastomeric block copolymer

including a monomer $\begin{array}{c} (C)_q \\ | \\ PRZ \end{array}$; A' is a thermoplastic block copolymer $\begin{array}{c} (D)_m \\ | \\ PRZ \end{array}$; m, n and q are each independent integers between 10 and 10⁷; R is an anion; and Z is a cation; P is a phenyl group, and RZ is present on over $\frac{0.7n+q}{0.7(n+q)}$ of P. R in this compound is an anion including oxygen and an element selected from the group consisting of a chalcogen and a pnictogen. Z in this compound is a cation compatible with R and selected from the group consisting of H, a lanthanide species, an alkaline earth metal and an alkali metal. Preferably RZ is SO₃H.